TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

FRIGHTENED BY FREE SILVER-TAXA-TION-PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The discussion of the effects of free silver coinage, should Bryan be elected and should he call an extra session of Congress immediately after his inauguration, has had a serious effect upon the confidence of depositors in commercial and savings banks. The bankers refuse to talk for publication, but it is well known that a stendy drain of gold, especially on the savings banks, has set in and that these depositors are placing their coin in the safe deposit companies' vaults. If this hoarding of gold goes on for several months it will bring several of the banks very near to the danger line. None of the savings banks are making any large loans, even on gilt-edged city real estate. In fact, business is practically stagnant, as no one knows what the year will bring forth. As a result of this timidity of bank managers real estate is dead, as no one can get money for building, and the outlook for good returns from rents

Though many are clamoring for silver, there are evidences on every hand that the present depression is due largely to the withdrawal of protection. This week the machinery of the Pacific Woollen Mills has been taken out for shipment to Japan. These mills for years turned out blankets that were well known all over the country, but two years ago they were forced to shut down, as with the high wages paid here they could not compete with English and Australian woollen goods. Wool, which formerly brought in good profit to the sheep-growers, is now a drug in the market, and thousands of pounds are lying stored on ranches, because at present prices wool will not pay the cost of transportation. It is such facts as these that are relied upon to secure votes in California for McKinley, despite the glamour

The agitation over the excessive taxes of last year and the demand made by officials for an increased amount for the coming year, has borne good fruit. The city tax levy will not amount to more than \$1.05 on \$100, and the State rate will not be over 50 cents, so that there will be a reduction of 75 cents on \$100 from last

An investigation of the sweatshops shows that the methods of other cities have been introduced here, and that many places need thorough The wages are low, the rooms are small and crowded, and work is made harder by the presence of engines or of stoves for pressing garments. The Labor Commissioners expect to remedy some of the evils, but they can do nothing to raise wages, as ten girls are waiting to take every vacant place, even at the present starvation rate of pay.

The Mechanics' Institute Fair, which will be open during September, promises to be noteworthy this year, as it will include a great factory for the illustration of the leading manufactures of the coast. All the processes of mining, wheat raising, fruit growing, dairying, etc., will be shown, and in addition the fine arts will be well represented. A conspicuous feature of the fair will be a cataract of real wine, which will be illuminated by colored incandescent lights. There will also be an X-ray outfit, in which any one may be cathodized.

The State Supreme Court has decided that Samuel D. Worden must be hanged for wrecking a train near Sacramento in the railroad riots two years ago, and causing the death of the engineer and of three Regular Army soldiers. The evidence against Worden was mainly circumstantial, but, joined with his venomous threats against the railroad company, it made so strong a case that a jury promptly convicted him. Worden had been conspicuous in the strike, and had openly advocated the use of dynamite in destroying the railroad company's property. He comes of a good family, having relatives in Syracuse. dynamite in destroyin property. He comes of relatives in Syracuse.

The poor little leper girl, Lena Grim, is having her last days made cheerful by charitable people, who were touched by the pathos of her story. The for orn child never had a doll and never tasted candy until she entered the pest-house here. So little had love or care done for her that she couldn't understand why people sent her presents, and she wept when she was told that it was because they pitied her fate and wanted to do something to show their feeling. She is taking the Japanese treatment for leprosy, but thus far it has merely served to aggravate the disease.

California fruit-growers are much exercised at reports from Baltimore that a large fruit-canning firm of that city is preparing to use California labels for poor fruit put up by it. The plan is to send the fruit to dealers in plain cases, and then permit them to stencil the cases after arrival. The California Fruit Exchange has clear proof of the scheme, and it has warned the Baltimore firm that if any anned goods are sent out under these spurious labels the widest publicity will be made of the matter, and the trade will also be warned by letter.

Governor Budd this week succeeded in removing Principal Childs, of the San José Normal School, and appointing Vice-Principal Randall in his place. For more than a year the Governor has been camping on Childs's trail, determined to have his scale, and the recent action of the principal in trying to force out a popular professor brought things to a crisis. Childs has been in charge of the school for seven years. been in charge of the school for seven years.

The Empire Stock Company received a warm sections at the Baldwin this week, many old playgoers coming in from the country to lend their countenance to the first night of "Bohemia." Frederick Warde as Shylock and Rose Coghlan as Portia have been seen this week at the California. Local critics praise Warde for his scholarship and his care in details, but they do not find the actress acceptable.

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Consul J. Lamb Doty, of Tahig, arrived this week, and began promptly to boom the project of a steamship line between this city and the Society Islands. Doty's chief claim to distinction is that he is the youngest Consul in the American service, but he has come into some notoriety by marrying a native girl and by his arbitrary conduct toward American ship captains. The steamer project will require a genius in promoting to make it a success, for at present the trade does not justify the establishment of such a service. Several steamers which were brought into Oriental waters by the war between China and Japan are now to load California wheat as a means of returning to Europe with fair profit. Two of the tramp steamers have already arrived from Japan, and four more are expected.

NARRAGANSETT PIER PLEASURES.

POPULARITY OF BICYCLING-MINSTREL SHOW

Narragansett Pier, R. L. Aug. 1 (Special).-The greater part of July was unmistakably dull here both as to the number of guests in the hotels and also as to the social activity. In both of these respects matters have brightened considerably in the last week, and the Pier has now taken on much of its old-time liveliness. The Mathewson House counted up 42 guests over Sunday, and this num-ber will be considerably increased to-night. All of the smaller hotels are doing their usual mid-season business, and the larger hotels are rapidly

filling up.

Eleveling exists here in its highest development. Ricycling exists here in its highest development.

All except the lame, the halt and the blind ride, and nearly all the riders wear the distinctive wheel costume, which gives to hotel plazzas and diningrooms a certain informal appearance which is different from former years. It is stated that a bicycle parade will be one of the features of the season before its close.

Gustay Kobbe gave a reading from his own writings at the home of Mrs. Dwight Townsend Thursday afternoon.

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day afternoon.

John R. McLean, publisher of "The Cheinnati Enquirer," came to the Pier in a special car from Washington. His son. E. B. McLean, is passing the summer with his grandmother, Mrs. E. P. Beale, of Washington, at the Starr Cottage. It is said that the proposed swimming match from Narragansett Pier to Newport has been deciared off.

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Edward Parker Deacon and daughter, from Boston, are registered at the Gladstone for the season.
On Monday the District Council will act on a petition asking them to call a special taxpayers' meeting to consider a proposition from private persons to finish the sea wall across the Caswell and Kinney properties, on condition that the district shall fill the gap existing between that and the wall already built. Fifteen thousand dollars has been raised by private subscription for the wall, and now \$1.600 more is guaranteed on the conditions found. and Kinney properties, on condition that the district shall still the gap existing between that and the wall already built. Fifteen incousand dollars has been raised by private subscription for the wall, and now \$7.00 more is guaranteed on the conditions named.

The third annual ministrel show will take place at the Casino for the benefit of the local sea wall on Monday, August 17. It is presented entirely by amateurs. The tickets are generally placed on sale three days before the performance, and are

generally disposed of the first day of the sale. Some of the best of the New-York amateur talent has been secured, and everything points to as successful an entertainment as those of the two preceding years. The performance will be repeated in Newport the following evening for the benefit of the Day Nursery for Children.

THE DULL SHOW TIME.

NOT A GENUINE PLAY IN TOWN, BUT

SOME LITTLE VAUDEVILLE LEFT. The unusual size and height of the Grand Central Palace roof garden add to its attractiveness as a summer place of amusement. It catches what air there is moving about and when it is caught there is room for it to circulate. Mile. Nina Diva is re-tained on the programme for this week, and other attractions are the Morello Brothers, acrobats and equilibrists; Eulalie, Rella Gold, the Twentieth-Century Duo; Stanford and Hernandez, in their sketch "Courting Up-to-Date." Others on the long bill are Alice Howard, Halliday and O'Brien, Helen Chase and Kelly and St. Claire, Mme. Planka and ner trained flons and Colonel Schuit's trained dogs.

The Mimic Four will return to Madison Squar-Roof Garden this week with their burlesque on " Miss Maud Raymond continues to please and Miss Caroline Hull is also an attractive feature. Press Eldridge goes on, and other features announced for this week are O'Brien and Wright, The Four Gardeners, Bennetto and Reio, Miss Lottle West Symonds, the Reaumont Sisters and the Aco-lian Trio, composed of the Misses Curtis, Webb and MacDonald.

Milloecker will be much heard of at Terrace Garden this coming week. Mr. Heumann has decided to give three of the most popular of this ated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings On Thursday and Friday evenings "Gasparone" will be the bill, and on Saturday evening "The Beggar Student." Mr. Heumann has postponed the production of "The Folish Count" until August 13. The popularity of the Suaday evening concerts at Terrace Garden grows each week.

Koster & Bial announce as the chief feature of the varied bill at their roof garden for the curweek the first appearance in this country of Jean Clermont, animal trainer. He brings with him, it is said, dogs that skip rope, dogs that play the piane wild bears that climb fences, educated pigs of all degrees, intelligent cats and roosters, hens, ducks and pigeous. For the rest of the programme there are the Rogers brothers, the Manhattan Comedy Four, Pitrot, the mimic; Nellie Seymour, serlo-comic; Eleanor Falk, Mile, Carrie, in a musical act; the Fenz brothers, Viennese ductists; Joe Flynn, Misses Crews and Lawrence, and the vitascope.

At Proctor's Pleasure Palace the programme for ne coming week includes Leola Mitchell, Lillian Kennedy, assisted by James Kennedy, in a new sketch entitled "Fads and Fancies"; George H. Adams, the pantomimic clown, and his family, in sketch "The Country Terror": Fields and Lewis. parody singers; Tyrene and Evaline, in their acrotick songs and dances; Kurtz, the cowboy juggler; naro and Balley, Ella Kirchner, instrumentalist; R. Decker, Engelhard and Raymond, sharp-ooters and fencers; Mabel Maklyn, the Pantzer others, head balancers, and Jeannette Tillford, elds and Lewis and thirty others will appear at day's concert, from 2:30 to 11 p. m.

Everything is new at Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre. The bill this week includes Cain dances: Clivette, shadowgraphist and juggler; the Emmetts, Capitola Urline, descriptive Tony Ryan, Louise Crolius, William De Boe, equilibrist, the Versatile Trio, Whitman and Davis, Ella May, soubrette; John Shechan, the sisters Raymond, duettists and dancers; Fields and Lewis, parody singers; Paulo and Dicka, in French eccentric songs and dances, and George W. Anderson, trick skater. The Sunday concerts, from 2:30 to 11 p. m., introduce many special entertainers.

An important addition to the waxworks collection of the Eden Musée will be made to-day. It is the placing on exhibition of the representations of the Presidential candidates, McKinley and Bryan. The two figures stand a few feet apart, in a special al-cove in the central hall.

Augustus Pitou sends two companies to the Pacific Coast to open their season in San Francisco, Chauney Olcott will begin his season at the California Theatre to-morrow. His engagement will continue for three weeks. The English version of Sardou's "Mme. Sans Gene." with Miss Kathryn Kidder in the leading part, will begin its season at the Baldwin Theatre, in San Francisco, on Monday, August 31.

Senorita Baranco, a Spanish dancer; Johnson, Davenport and Lorela, aerobats; the Gotham City Quartet, the Brothers Rossi, grotesques; Knoli and McNell, soloists; May Howard, Katie Aller Fox and

ASBURY PARK HAPPENINGS.

THE SEASON AT ITS HEIGHT-THE ANNUAL BARY

Asbury Park, Aug. ! (Special).-"Founder" Bradley's famous boardwalk and the numerous pavilions on the shore front contained to-night a great crowd of people, evidence that the season has reached its height. This state of affairs vill exist for another month, when the season will begin to wane, and the natives will conjure up schemes to induce the visitors from the cities to

to-night in the Crow's Nest Woods before an appreciative audience. The spot selected was an for his enterprise in securing an excellent cast for the play. There were hundreds of patrons from A on and Belmar and Spring Lake, on the south, and Elberon, Long Branch, Allenhurst and Darlington, also contributed contingents. It is more than likely that Long Branch will demand that the play be repeated in famous Hollywood Park.

"Founder" Bradley's "stump" campaign in Railroad Square proves to be a drawing card for the cottagers and hotel guests. The debates between the sliver men and gold advocates take place almost nightly and attract thousands of interested listeners. The "Founder," who is a pronounced "gold bug," acts as chairman of the meetings and manages to get in a speech or two every time the

Thus far the debaters have been local men, but at the solicitation of Mr. Bradley, The New-York Tribune has arranged to send ex-Congressman R. Tribune has arranged to send ex-Congressman R. G. Horr to the Park to meet a champion of the silver heresy. This debate is to take place early this month. The Democrats are taking a lively interest in the campaign, and are endeavoring to induce Candidate Bryan to come here and declaim after he meets the Notification Committee in New-York City, Mayor Frank L. Ten Broeck has also written the "Boy Orator," inviting him to the Park and promising him an audience of 25,000. Mr. Ten Broeck is a Republican, but he wants Bryan for an advertising attraction. The hustling Mayor has also asked the Jersey Democratic leaders to hold their convention for the nomination of Presidential electors here, and it looks as if his request will be granted.

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The date of the seventh annual baby parade has been changed from August 8 to August 15, and the lady managers of the affair promise to introduce numerous new features this summer. The booking booth is open daily, and thus far the entries number nearly 300 tots. Last year there were over 500 habies in the procession, but the record will doubtless be broken this year. Handsome prizes will be offered for originality in decorations, pretty babbles, youngest mothers, etc.

The social programme for the week included hops, enchre parties, tally-ho rides and bowling contests galore, and a german at the Brunswick Thursday evening. The german was arranged by Will J. Dean, and the novel fixures introduced in the dance elicited hearty applause from the onlookers, who filled the pretty new casino.

The twenty-seventh anniversary of Ocean Grove's beginning was celebrated last evening by a prayer-meeting, which was held in Thompson Park, on the spot where the first prayer-meeting was held twenty-seven years ago. The initial service was held in a small tent owned and occupied by the late Rev. J. H. Thornley, of Philadelphia. A beantiful memorial vase now occupies the spot where the historic tent was pitched.

Delaware Water Gap, Penn., Aug. 1 (Special).-

Every house here is catering to paying crowds. Youth, beauty and costly dress continue to reign as features at the Water Gap House and Kitta-tinny, both of which have a more than usually

MUSICAL COMMENT.

BAYREUTH AND WAGNER-MR. MEES AND THE WEST-POOR BRAHMS!

Herr Richter was expected to surrender the baton at Bayreuth to Herr Mottl, for the second series of festival performances, and to resume it again for the last representations, August Herr Siegfried Wagner withdrew his name from the official announcement in a letter which must be set down as entirely characteristic of the flumptious young personage. "In that artistic of the dumptions young personage. "In that artistic undertaking." he wrote, meaning the festival, of course, "talent as a conductor is not the principal thing. In short, at Bayreuth the conductor plays a second part" and so he graciously left this "second part" in the hands of Richter and Mottl, for which the friends of Wagner's art will be grateful.

It is worthy of note that an effort has been made by a writer named Julius Erich Kioss to counteract the influence which has gone out from the fact that so many of the promoters of the Bayreuth enterprise twenty years ago have withdrawn from its support. Herr Kloss's book, entitled "Twenty Years of Bayreuth," was issued simultaneously in German, French and English, and is as shining an exemplification of time-serving sycophancy as Wagnerian literature can disclose: In the true spirit of the latter-day administration, everything that has been done since the old guard of Wagnerites became dissatisfied is declared to have been more perfect than anything was before, even such flascos as the "Tannhäuser" representations of 189, being set down as the crowning triumphs of the enterprise. Francein Wiborg, whose amateurishness compelled ridicule instead of pity in those representations, is lauded to the skies, while not even scant courtesy is given to the great singers, Wagner's own, of the 1876 and 182 festivals. Naturally, also, the book is an appeal to foreign tourists who are flattered in an attempt to convince them that by coming to Bayreuth they demonstrate their growth in artistic culture. The book is worthy of the Bayreuth of to-day. ites became dissatisfied is declared to have been

The festival orchestra at Bayreuth this year is omposed of thirty-three violins, twelve violas thirteen 'cellos, eight basses, five flutes, six oboes and altoboes, four clarinets (including Munifeld) one bass clarinet, four bassoons, of donble, bassoon, eight horns, four tenor and bass tubas, four trumpets, one bass trumpet, five trombones, one contra bass trombone, one contra bass trombone, one contra bass tuba, seven harps and three drums—in all 121 players.

Mr. Arthur Mees, conductor of singing societies in New-York, Orange and Albany, has accepted as invitation to become the assistant of Mr. Theodor-Thomas in Chicago. It was at the instance of Mr. Thomas that Mr. Mees came here from Cincinnati where he was a most efficient trainer of the fex tival choir. It may be that in following Mr. Thomas o Chicago, he is helping to solve the difficulties in Cincinnati, for Chicago is not so far distant from the Queen City, that Mr. Mees cannot resume his old relations with the Cincinnati enterprise, if he is willing, and the old desire to have him is not burned out. It is said, moreover, that Chicago is to have a new choral society, to be virtually under the management of the Orchestra Association, and if this is true the greater significance of Mr. Mees's change of the set is apparent. The experiment will be something like that made by Mr. Thomas some years ago with the Philharmonic Chorus in Brooklyn, but it is to be hoped that the outcome will be better. the Queen City, that Mr. Mees cannot resume his old

At length a Daniel has come to judgment and we know what is the matter with Brahms. Mr. Edga-Stillman Kelley tells us in the current number of "The Looker On," "Why Brahms falls#to inspire aning Him). It is true that the exposition is scarcely original, being little else than an ampli fication of an indictment brought against Brahms by Mr. Henry T. Finck, but if it is not conclusive strenuously to bring about conviction. In fact, he has labored so hard that he seems to have for gotten some of his learning and to have substituted fantastic creations of his own mind for facts. Finck had charged Brahms with not "writing for the planoforte in the Chopines, ue, arpeggiated style which alore enables a piano to reveal its full eauty of tone," and Mr. Kelley undertakes to give a scientific demonstration of the truth of Mr. Finck's remark. It seems from this demonstraitno that Brahms is in the habit of employing close chords in the low registers of the pinnoforte, which generate a discordant series of overtones and so ound harsh and jar on our sensitive ears. doing this Mr. Kelley intimates that Brahms has not kept pace with the development of the pianoforte, but is writing in the manner of those who hord-instruments with tones of such short duration that their deep bass notes even when employed in close chords did not effect the offensive generation which Brahms does not know enough to avoid. It is too bad that Brahms should do this. Mr. Kelley ought to send him a few warning examples from the works of Couperin, Rameau and Bach père which are played on the planofortes of to-day, notwithstanding they were composed for its precursors of these men and their contemporaries introduced full chords "freely" "in the lowest registers." Mr. Kelley must be able to tell where, and if he does not we fancy be will be extending the vision of musical analysis and historians who are now under the ignorant conviction that the chords so obnoxious to Mr. Finck and Mr. Kelley fassuming that the former has been correctly interpreted by the latter) came into use with the development of the planoforte, and were quite as much affected by Beethoven and Schumann as by Brahms. Poor Brahms! Will you not try to become Chopinesque and arpeggiate before it is too late? avoid. It is too bad that Brahms should do this.

A training school for the operatic stage has been established in connection with the dramatic school essociated with Mr. Charles Frohman's Empire Theatre. Mr. Nelson Wheateroft, the director the dramatic school, has had in view the establishpast, and has now arranged all necessary details for its opening early in October. Contracts have been signed with Mr. Edwin Hoff, tenor, as chief instructor in this department, and for the last year studying the methods of European professors. He has made the acquaintance of Giraudet, the teacher of "geste" at the Conservatoire in Paris. his knowledge of the lyric art. For traditional stage business, and singing of standard operas, he has studied for the last year with Sbriglia, with whom Jean and Edouard De Reszke studied, and whose methods of voice production are considered of the highest order. The object of this operation school is intended to be as purely practical as the dramatic training school has been in fitting students for the profession, and affording to those who develop talent of sufficient quality an opportunity to demonstrate it before managers of all classes of musical dramatic enter-tainments who are ever on the lookout for fresh voices combined with dramatic experience and

begins his American tour under the direction of Rudolph Aronson in November next, played on July 9 before the members of the royal family at Kensington Palace, London, at the express invita-Kensington Palace, London, at the present tion of the Duchess of Teck. Among those present was Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who herself is an excellent cellist, and after the concert she personally thanked Mr. Loewensohn and expressed herself as delighted with his playing.

fair is that announced to take place at Ocean Grove Auditorium on the evenings of August 12, 13 and 14, under the auspices of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association in connection with the Summer School of Theology. On this occasion Hayda's ora-School of "The Creation," and Handel's oratorio, "The Creation," and Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," will be given by the New-York Oratorio Messiah," will be given by the New-York Oratorio Society Chorus of 400 voices, together with a select local chorus, the entire New-York Symphony Orchestra, under the personal direction of Waiter Damrosch, and the following artists: Mme. De Vere Sapio, Miss Lillian Blauvelt, Miss Gertrude May Stein, Herr Emil Fischer, Mr. Evan Williams and J. Armour Galloway. A symphony concert will also be given by Mr. Damrosch and his orchestra, at which Mme. De Vere Sapio will be the solo singer, assisted by a children's chorus of 1,000 voices.

AT GREAT BARRINGTON.

Great Barrington, Mass., Aug. 1 (Special).-An interesting golf tournament was held at the Locustwood links on Thursday, in which the leading members of the club and a few outside players took part.
Among those who played were G. S. Studwell, jr., B. Ticknor, W. J. Brown, J. L. E. Pell and Charles

Kerner.
On Friday evening there was a delightful dance at the Golf Club house, together with a bright little play presented by some of the best amateur talent. There is to-night at the Inn a largely attended dancing party.

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THE RUNAWAY SEALS

CAN THEY LIVE IN THE WATERS OF THE SOUND *-REWARD FOR MINNIE'S CAPTURE. So far as can be learned, the nine seals which escaped from the seal lake at Glen Island are still at large in the Sound. Glen Island has among its many attractions a "Zoo," a feature of which was Monday in some mysterious manner nine ct these escaped through a sluice gate into the Sound. Among them was Minnie, a performing seal of world-wide reputation, for whose return Mr. Mc-Cormack, in charge of the animals at Glen Island, has offered a reward of \$500. It is suspected that Minnie, who knows a thing or two in the way of tricks, drew back the bolt of the gate, thus allowing

Reports have come in on several occasions that scals have been sighted by men from boats, attempts to catch them have been of no avail. In one case where several men were fishing the seals came close to the boat and were fed with fishes, and followed the boat for some distance, but refused be decoyed into shallow water.

Some curiosity has been expressed by those who read the accounts of the escape as to the chances of these runaways living in the waters of the Sound at this time of the year. If it were merely a matter of climatic conditions there would be little doubt that they would flourish nicely, for they have in captivity endered the heat of the summer season. swimming in the water of the Sound which was let into their lake fresh every day by means of the escape. The main question that concerns their wellbeing is one of food supply. They have big eating capacity. Will they find fish in large enough quantities to satisfy their appetites? If so, they may keep alive until some of their friends come down from the north next, fall, when they may again find their way tion in all the ways and manners which they have learned from their human keepers.

Frank M. Chapman, assistant curator in the de-Natural History, told a Tribune reporter yesterday that seals were found all the way from the North Natural History, told a Tribune reporter yesterday that seals were found all the way from the North to the South Pole. There were Antarctic as well as Arctic seals. He said that he had read the accounts of the escape of the nine seals from Glen Island, but it would be necessary to know what kind they were before predicting just what were their chances of living. He thought, however, that probably they were what is known as "harbor" seals, and if such were the case they would take care of themselves. "Harbor" seals had been seen in the Sound, off the coast, up the Hudson, in Massachusetts Bay and other points further south. He said that they were not to be found south at this time of the year, for it was helt breeding time. They had gone north. October and the winter months brought them south, floating of, the ice. They had been known to get up the Hudson as far as Peekskill, and had been caught by dishermer, in their nets. The "harbor" seal was known to breed as far south as Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia.

"Harbor" seals and sea lions were those most common in captivity. The sea lion is a Pacific Coast animal, and would no doubt find some difficulty in looking out for himself in the Sound. Seals rely mainly upon tish for food. If the runaways make their abode in the waters in and about New-York the sport of fishing may have a serious failing off. It is said that the escaped seals are all tame and gentle. If one chances to see any of them while out on the water there would be no danger in attempting to make a capture. Mayhap it would prove to be Mitmle, and See is worth the trouble of going after.

WHAT IS BEING DONE AT CAPE MAY.

Cape May, N. J., Aug. 1 (Special),-Ex-Senator Anthony Higgins, of Delaware, accompanied by Judge Leonard E. Wales, of the same State, is making Cape May his summer headquarters. Señor Romero, the Mexican Minister at Washing

Mexico six weeks. There has been a great deal of gayety here this week, and to-night the annual midsummer cot-tagers' ball came off in the big dining-room of the

on, will join his wife here Monday, after being in

Stockton Hotel, at which there were probably 2,000 persons present. A three days' musical festival will begin at Congress Hall next Saturday, which will be a revival of the successes of music which Cape May enjoyed in 1883. Justice Charles G. Garrison, of the New-Jersey

W. Scott Bonnell, of Ohio, has also been a promi-nent guest at Congress Hall during the week. Con-gressman John Dalzell has also been at Congress Hall. Supreme Court, is resting here, and ex-Governo

Ressman John Dalzell has also been at Congress Hall.

Prominent New-Yorkers here are the Rev. A. R. Nevins, Albert Durham, J. B. Moore, T. E. Ayeriga, at the Lafayette: Mr. and Mrs. D. Marks, Miss Lotta Marks, J. McAlleman, Mme. V. Kolb, W. H. Patterson, at the Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cassidy, at Congress Hall; George H. Walker, Dr. George C. Frost, at the Colonial; J. Moore, S. W. Jones, Theodore E. Tack, L. E. Sears, at the Chalfonte; Louis C. Jacoby, Mrs. J. W. Burr, Emmett Burr, at the Star Villa; John D. Lawes, at the Devon; Herbert Pinkham, at the Wyoming; C. Smith, William Johnson, at the Sea Breeze, General Russell M. Thayer, of Philadelphia, and ex-Speaker Lewis W. Hall, of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and their families are at the Marine Villa.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON SOLD. The first bale of new cotton, which arrived from

Georgia on Friday, was sold by auction yesterday in front of the Cotton Exchange. The bidding started at seven cents a pound, and the baie was finally knocked down to George J. Seabury at 20 cents a pound. As the bale weighed 509 pounds, it brought \$101.80. The market price of spot cotton is 7½ cents. Mr. Seabury will have the cotton made leto McKinley campaign buttons.

FUNERAL OF THOMAS J. CALLAGHAN. The funeral of Thomas J. Callaghan was held at

St. Lawrence's Roman Catholic Church, Eightyfourth-st and Park-ave., yesterday morning. Mr. Callaghan was a member of the Board of Port Wardens and of St. Lawrence's Conference, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Mac cabes. Court Daniel Webster, Ancient Order of Foresters; the Order of Red Men, the United Order of American Workmen and the Union Republican Club of the Twenty-ninth Assembly District, and delegations from all these organizations attended the funeral. tended the funeral.

A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Father McKinnon, rector of the church. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

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Richfield Springs, Aug. 1 (Special).-Saturday, July 25, will linger long in the minds of the Tuller House guests as one of the pleasantest incidents of the season of 1895, commemorating as it did the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birth of General Schuyler Hamilton, of New-York. Although no hint of the approaching birthday was given by the General or Mrs. Hamilton the secret leaked out. and from early morning until late in the evening fruit and flowers were received by the General. The most gratifying feature of the celebration was the genuine pleasure with which the guests of the house, who one and all are ardent admirers of the General united to do him honor. Friendly hands which the General's table stands into a veritable bower of red, white and blue, while the table was laden with beautiful flowers. A flashlight picture was taken of the table, at which were seated the General and Mrs. Hamilton and a party of their friends. Immediately after dinner the guests of the house assembled in the large parlor, where a poem, written for the occasion by Mrs. C. Hagenann, was read. To this General Hamilton re sponded in a bright speech. After renewed con-gratulations and good wishes the company united patriotic songs.

Monday and Tuesday the long-talked-of horse show cialmed the attention of all, and was the brilliant success that was expected. Many stranging towns for the season, and were well repaid for the journey. In spite of the threatening weather Monday, the boxes were all filled with a handsomely dressed throng that even occasional showers could not depress. The front of the grand-stand and boxes had been elaborately trimmed with foliage and flowers that completely concealed the woodwork. New-Yorkers occupying boxes were Mayor and Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Shattuck, P. Bradlee Strong, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Baxter, Miss Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tailer, Mrs. Lee Tailer, Mr. Myers, Mr. Burrell, Mrs. Coles, Mrs Townsend, Miss Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley, Mrs. W. P. Earle, Mrs. Eugene Earle, Mrs. W. J. Elias, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Ransom, Mr. Trowbridge Miss Moss, the Misses Nedwill, Mrs. and Miss An derson, the Misses Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. D. On the first day Mr. Wardwell exhibited big

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On the first day Mr. Wardwell exhibited his French coaching stallion and four of his get, and the beautiful creatures called forth storms of applause. Various styles of traps were used with the horses in harness, and the Judges were much perplexed as to where to pit the ribbons, the competition was so close. Finally, however, the blue was given to W. J. Elias's Duchess, the red to General Field's Darkness and the yellow to J. Lee Tailer's Blackbird. The other contestants were Highgoer, W. J. Elias; Moet and The Earl, W. P. Earle: Daylight, General Field; Gossip, Frank Croker, and Dude, W. K. Baxter.

The contest in Class No. 17 for the best pair of horses and the best appointed victoria or cabriolet was perhaps as sharp as any of the day. The competitors were George A. B. Ballantine, General Field, W. P. Earle and Mrs. Amos Morrill. The spectators were much interested, and cheered their favorites heartily when it was learned that the blue ribbon lay between Mr. Earle's Moet and Chandon and General Field's Colonel and Commodere. The blue was finally awarded to the former, the latter getting the red.

One of the prettiest sights of the day was the exhibit of four-in-hands, there being five in the ring, b longing to Messrs, Ballantine, Tailer, Earle, Field and Wardwell. The judges gave considerable time to this class, requiring a lot of driving, manneuvring, etc., and the blue ribbon eventually went to Mr. Ballantine, the red to General Field, and the yellow to Mr. Tailer. In the other classes several of T. R. Proctor's horses won blue ribbons. Tuesday dawned bright and cloudless, and an even larger crowd than Monday's gathered at the park. The same persons as on the day preceding occupied boxes, and the show opened with the

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class of roadsters in which there were four entries. class of roadsters in which there were four entries. The first and second prizes were taken by Mr. Proctor's Doily and Kittle respectively.
Class No. 7 brought forth four handsome teams and turnouts owned by Messers, Elias, Fleid, Tailer and Earle. After much discussion and driving and turning, the ribbons were bestowed as follows: Blue to General Field's Darkness and Daylight, red to Mr. Elias's Dake and Dachess and yellow to Mr. Tailer's Blackbird and Sweetheart.
In the next class, horses not exceeding sixteen hands shown to a runabout, the blue ribbon went to Mrs. Morrill's Frole, the red to Mr. Tailer's Blackbird and the yellow to Mr. Earle's Moet.
The feature of the day was the class for spiked teams. All were handled admirably, and it was a delicate task to weigh the fine points of each. After a half hour of deliberating the blue ribbon was finally given to Mr. Earle with Moet, Chandon and The Earl, and the red to Mr. Ballantine with Primrose, Active and Bates.
E. M. Earle received a magnificent silver to make the first annual horse show of Richardel Springs a success. The presentation speech was made by H. L. Earle, and was responded to by the receipent, after which the audience gave three hearty cheers for Mr. Earle.

LENOX GOLF-PLAYING. Lenox, Mass., Aug. I (Special), Golf playing has gone on about as usual this week. W. R. Cutting won last Saturday's silver cup, being tied with E. H. Kinnicutt, and, playing off the tie, won by score of fifty-two strokes once around. Philip Honeyman, the golf instructor, won a silver trophy

and Mrs. David Lydig gave a dinner of dozen covers at their country place, Shadyside, on Anson Phelps Stokes, jr., accompanied by Frede rick E. Stockwell, tutor to Harold Stokes, started

in a professional match at Saratoga this week.

this week on a trip around the world. They will go first to Hawaii. J. W. Davis and family returned this week from

a visit to Southampton and are now at the Frelinghuysen cottage Baron Von Bruning, of the German Embassy, to spending a few days in Newport.

E. T. James, of New-York, is the guest of Warren

Mr. Iselin has been the guest of Gerard Foster at Brookhurst this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alexander, sr., gave a dinner Friday evening for Señor De Lome, Spanish Minister, and members of his legation.

Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen is spending the week in Newbort.

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Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard is the guest of Mrs. Willlam D. Sloane.

Miss Lifa Sloane receives complimentary mention
in an article in the current "Cosmopolitan" on
"The New Woman and Golf Playing," in which she
is spoken of as one of a few first-class women players in the country. Miss Sloane drove the Sloane
coach down to Stockbridge one day this week with
a large party of young people aboard.